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Daily Biblical Quotation

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1920.
If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31.
Oh, why should I murmur and grieve,
Since my Shepherd is always the same,
And has promised he never will leave,
The soul that confides in his name?
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,
Or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Rom. 8:35.

THE CORPORATION COMMISSION.

The time has come when the people of Oklahoma must seriously consider whether or not the state corporation commission is worth its cost. They must, if they would demonstrate their ability to protect their own interests, go further and determine whether or not it has not come to stand as their greatest enemy in controlling the public utility concerns it was created to curb.

The World is strongly inclined to the view that unless the commission is remanned by gentlemen honorably committed to the service of the many instead of the employments of the few, the public safety requires that it be abolished and the taxpayers relieved of further expense for its maintenance.

The record of the commission since Judge Humphreys resigned from it soon after the signing of the armistice, is not one that its members can point to with pride. In no case that we can recall has the commission failed to hold with the public utilities. The result is that it is very much under suspicion, and at least one former employee boldly charges it with being dominated by the gas trust and the telephone trust—about the only remaining corporations that the exigencies of government administration left under its control.

The public is familiar with the record of the commission in the gas cases. Advance after advance has been recorded the gas company, and not once has the gas company been forced to recognize the slightest responsibility to the public. Indeed, through its attorney, it boldly pleaded before the commission that it had never assumed the slightest responsibility to furnish an adequate amount of gas to its patrons, and that it could not be loaded with that responsibility. Nor was it rebuffed.

The public knows the infamies of the so-called Burleson telephone rates and practices; how as soon as the government took over the telephone lines rates were outrageously advanced, petty charges for services that had hitherto been a part of the fixed expense were passed on to patrons and a general set of rules governing administration were installed that must have made Lenin and Trotsky wonder at their moderation. These, it was explained by the suave Mr. Burleson, were war measures.

The war, however, is over, yet these objectionable rates and charges, in great part, remain. The commission admits that something like two thousand protests have been filed by indignant patrons of the telephone company; it did conduct a so-called hearing. But who has heard of any order putting the telephone trust back on the pre-war basis with respect to rates and charges?

Mr. O. R. Thraves, now assistant attorney general of Oklahoma, on November 26, 1919, was acting as an attorney for the commission. At that time he drew up an order for the commission to sign revoking the Burleson rates and practices and placing squarely on the telephone company responsibility for delinquencies in service generally complained of. It is, or should be, significant of much that has since transpired, that Judge Thraves' order as was rejected and that a few days later the commission actually did sign and promulgate an order drawn up by the telephone company itself, which order continued in force and effect the Burleson rates and practices.

Judge Thraves is authority for the statement that the result has been to enable the telephone company to collect and accumulate a net surplus of \$350,000 in excess of the amount they were permitted under pre-war rates and practices.

We are of the opinion that no more pressing issue confronts the voters of Oklahoma than the issue thus created by the recent decisions of their corporation commission. It appears to be not only tremendously expensive, but a positive menace to the people.

What is to be done about it?
Burris Jenkins has got that McAdoo nominating speech in his system and is determined to get rid of it at all costs.

DOES THE PRESIDENT WISH IT?

The impression is growing that President Wilson is not only willing to accept the nomination for a third term as president, but is now actively maneuvering to secure the nomination. However gratifying this may be to ultra partisans of both sides it can but excite lively apprehension in the breasts of the much larger number of citizens who would have their country served first under all circumstances, and who see in both parties putting forward their ablest and safest leaders on sound platforms the greatest security for the republic.

The number of men who really desire four more years of Wilsonianism is exceedingly small. And the number who sincerely believe that the president can be re-elected even if nominated is much smaller, we opine. Yet no man can accurately forecast what a jury will do with a case or an electorate with a candidacy.

It does not appear that Mr. Wilson can hope for re-election. But suppose there should be a tremendous backlash from the conventions or a revolution in sentiment during the latter part of the campaign—what then? What number of American citizens believe that the affairs of the nation can be safely entrusted for four years longer to the individual that has injected foreign issues into our domestic relations, made little brothers of the radicals and preached in a divinely disguised form the repugnant doctrine of the internationalists?

And even as the losing leader, what lamentable disservice is done the nation that this dangerous element in our social fabric has had a candidate around which it could and would gather for the purpose of cementing a political movement? President constitutes a most formidable law. And the more precedent established in the fact that election had captured and directed one of the two great parties will plague and imperil the republic for years.

Not loyal republicans as well as loyal democrats, will pray that the San Francisco convention will manage to anchor the democratic party anew to constitutional government and ideals, and that it will offer the country a man under whose administration the republic will be safe, should the vicissitudes of politics give to him the governing mandate.

That was the purpose of both great constitutional parties in the first instance. And it is the duty of both today. So long as both remain true to the constitution and the traditions of leaders who glorified history, then the worst that can happen to America is a mistake concerning some domestic policy.

But when either one yields to the rabble and places itself under the domination of those who avowedly seek a class government, or who would lower the "gorgeous ensign of therepublic" to the squalid colors of the internationalists, then peril hovers over the nation whether such party is the majority party or the minority party.

Democracy at Frisco, even as the minority party, has a duty to perform to the nation that transcends in importance any duty that it may imagine it owes to the man in the white house. Let it not hesitate.

After observing how ugly it looked in print Judge Williams decided he didn't say it.

The "committee of 48" has a very exaggerated notion of its own importance. If it wants to ascertain its standing in this country let it nominate a ticket, write such a platform as it can secure approval of among its own little handful, and go to it.

Citizens of Washington and Pawhuska counties have complained to the state authorities that at recent roping contests held in those counties there was "cruelty to animals, gambling and fighting" indulged in. They want such by-plays stopped at future roping contests. Are the citizens of Washington and Pawhuska counties a sort of revival service?

Senator Harding told the suffrage leaders that even if he possessed the commission of authority he would not feel free to advise a sovereign state unless asked by the executive of that state. The next day President Wilson practically ordered the governor of Tennessee to convene the legislature in extra session and ratify the Anthony amendment. The significance of this little by-play should not be lost.

About the most difficult thing to learn is the proper use of money. The individual who suddenly finds himself possessed of great wealth and immediately starts to parade it in vulgar display or to purchase rank and station is no further off the point than the wage-earner that indulges in profligate spending. Ordinarily two generations are required to master the art of using money.

HEART'S COURAGEOUS

(Copyright, 1920, by Edgar A. Guest.)
Courage is something which you may find
Wherever you go and in every place—
It is being helpful and being kind.
It is meeting the world with a smiling face;
It isn't rank of or high degree,
Woman as brave as a man can be,
And a boy can shine with his glory, too.

Hearts courageous are everywhere.
The man who stands to his task by day
And does his best with his bit of care,
And still helps others along life's way,
Is doing all that a brave man can.
Oh, the world is peopled with souls like this.

Who are humbly serving some lofty plan
With never a sigh for the joys they miss,
Who are braver than mothers fair
Who go to the honor of the pain they bear
And never a thought for themselves the while?

Courage is born of a thousand deeds,
It throbs today in uncounted breasts,
It is keeping up with the daily needs,
And ringing true with the sternest tests.

It is playing fair when a trick would win.
It is being friendly and kind and true.
It is keeping clean when lured by sin.
It is serving the many and not the few;
It is keeping on when the goal you miss,
It is being cheerful in spite of care—
And millions of people are doing this
Round about us and everywhere.

Oklahoma Outbursts

Senator LaFollette has had his restrictions removed.

Those California quakes are nothing more than a timely warning to the democratic party.

Dr. Burris Jenkins seems determined to make that speech whether Mr. McAdoo is willing or not.

The girl on South Main says her experience has been that the chains of love have too many weak links.

Sometimes it looks to the Dallas News like Cupid is so jazy he can't shoot an arrow through a porgette waist.

Root Peck's campaign strategies seem bent on creating a suspicion that the American Legion is a political organization.

The story of a banker and his bride returning from a "honeymoon" trip was not such a bad typographical error after all.

You can say this about the pair of umpires now performing at the ball park, they are absolutely impartial in their misrule.

At Chicago it was charged that the senatorial caucus tried to run things. At San Francisco it looks like the cabinet was going to try and turn the trick.

H. G. Spaulding needs word back to Shawnee that the report that a lot of people in New York do not go to bed until after midnight is absolutely true.

According to the idea of the Bartlesville Examiner, prohibition is thus illustrated: "Orator, declaration, declaration, delegation, presentation, nomination."

The personnel of the republican national executive committee recalls an incident when Col. Roosevelt forced Bryant the last time to call to halt the campaign until his committee could be purified.

Barometer of Public Opinion

The Movies and Crime.

Editor World: In today's issue of your paper I notice an article in Barometer of public opinion, from Laurence Simmons, and I wish to add these few remarks. I will soon be forty-five years of age and every since I can remember, boys as well as men, have been robbing, stealing and murdering. I do not know what the reformers laid it to before the advent of the motion picture, but they did it then just the same as they do it now, and the motion picture has been here only about fifteen years. I have been running the Wonderland theatre at this place for the past nine years, and I have yet to see a single incident in a motion picture where the criminal escaped punishment for his crimes, then where is the incentive to the man or woman to commit crime? The motion picture is human life, and the evil characters in the picture are the evil characters in real life with the exception that the criminal in the picture never goes unpunished. The criminal character is put in the picture to teach crime but to teach good by showing up the consequence of crime. I agree with Mr. Simmons that no picture produced by an ex-outlaw should be shown, and last January I sat in a convention at Oklahoma City that voted unanimously to not show these pictures in the state of Oklahoma, and I believe the majority of the exhibitors of the state who have the future welfare of their people and the moral teaching of their youth in mind, and I am personally acquainted with Henry Starr, and am a close friend of some of his near relatives, yet I do not believe, and I am honest in my belief, that Mr. Starr should exploit his past deeds on the motion picture screen, even though he does not agree with me, because a failure, in order to make capital by so doing. Neither do I believe that an ex-outlaw should go on the lecture stage or profess religion and go in the pulpit, though some of the so-called reformers will not agree with me, and if Starr had chosen this course you could not have heard of any one asking some editor to keep him out of the corporation of Tulsa. I know from personal contact for years that Henry Starr is a good, honest, law-abiding citizen, and stands right up next to the public schools, and the screen brings the whole world and all the great men and all the beautiful scenery of the world to your feet, brings all the faces of the earth and their strange customs to your doors. And in teaching morals, religion and the right way to live and treat your fellow man, the motion picture screen stands right up next to the church. Yet in almost every picture I see these ex-outlaws and I have left out if I had been making it, also in every book I read, I find paragraphs that does not suit me, also in every sermon I hear preached, there are things that I cannot agree with, yet others do, so I feel that if I were to make a perfect thing in this world and he was crucified.

Mr. Simmons says that he attends the motion picture entertainments, and I am glad he does for he can discuss the subject so much more intelligently than I could. But he has a prejudice that they will not see motion pictures and are therefore ignorant of what they are talking about. In almost every paper one may find crime committed and the criminal never caught and punished. I feel safe in saying that the two boys who robbed and killed the old man in his store in Tulsa a few days ago, never saw a motion picture of a crime committed and the criminal go unpunished, yet you never hear of anyone asking for a censorship of daily papers, and no one requests for the circulation to be kept out of the corporation of any town or city. We have in our little city, so-called saints, who have never witnessed the great scenes of my fight my place of business every chance they have, but when a nigger minstrel, or a cheap vaudeville show, under canvas, makes its appearance they almost break their necks to see who can get there first, and sometimes even dismiss their religious services to attend. There is still great room for the improvement of motion pictures and those who attend know that they are improving every day. The greatest writers and the greatest artists of the world are today writing and playing for the screen. The thing for the people who have the welfare of their country at heart to do is to get behind the exhibitor who brings the good pictures to their town, patronize him and encourage him, and not stay away and condemn the whole thing as many do. Then many exhibitors are willing to play to the class of people who pay them the most money whether they are the better element of their town or not.

E. B. RICHIER,
Sallisaw, Okla., June 22.

Italy's New Premier.

What is expected of the new premier is a firmer and more decided policy both at home and abroad. Premier Nitti had devoted his attention to the solution of the industrial problems of the nation, principally perhaps, because his study and training had been largely directed along that line. But he has a parliament to control without a government majority, and he was confronted with an economic condition which seemed to be beyond any of his plans or theories. The new government, however, has promise of a working majority in the parliament, and it remains to be seen if with this advantage (gained through his years of experience) he will be able to formulate a policy which will bring to Italy that satisfactory adjustment of her difficulties which his recent predecessors were unable to give her.—New York Sun and Herald.

No Skeletons



Margaret Carrell's Husband

One Way to Manage.
When Miss Riggs told me of her invitation to my husband, and supplemented it by one to me, I was so astonished and angry I could scarcely speak. Finally I said: "Mr. Carrell did not go to Atlantic City, and he will not be able to visit you."
Elsie frowned at me, but I was determined that Bob should not come. I was going to see this writer and get interested in what I called her "silly trash." I would decline for him in such a way she couldn't expect him—now or any other time.
"But he promised," and Miss Riggs replied, indignantly, evidently embarrassed.
"We have so little time together," Miss Riggs said, "I am going to beg you not to ask my husband to read your manuscript. He gets foolishly interested in such things, and I am not willing he should take the time belonging to me to give such things. His place is with me, in our home. The only place for a married man to spend the time he can spare from his business."
"But if you come with him!" she returned, blushing furiously.
"My coming has nothing to do with it. Don't think for a moment that vulgar jealousy caused me to speak as I did. Mr. Carrell is too much in love with me, has too much good sense to do anything to cause jealousy on my part. But I do not care for the Bohemian crowd he affected before our marriage, so shall accept no invitations from any of them hereafter."
"Then you aren't interested in art and literature," Mrs. Carrell said, asked, with a perceptible sneer.
"No, not in the least, not in the sense you mean. I am interested in my husband, my baby, my home. Also in good books and magazines we can enjoy together when Mr. Carrell is at home with me. I care nothing about the authors."
"A regular Darcy and Joan Life," she replied, then laughed disagreeably.
"Returned she had laughed at me, disturbed me not the least bit. I did feel a little anxious, however, as to what Bob might say when he heard. Yet I did not regret the stand I had taken, and was ready to face the consequences. Miss Riggs was part of the disturbing element who caused Bob to become interested in the matter, and I volunteered no information. If he asked me, I would not deny that I had requested Marion Riggs not to invite him out to her home to read her manuscript. But if he did not I could see no real reason why I should enlighten him as to the part I had played in the matter.
That I was wronging myself as well as Bob, never entered my mind. I was only doing what I, in my ignorance, thought best for our future happiness.
(Tomorrow—A Confidence).

Abe Martin



Bennies' Notebook

Last nite pop was talking to ma about what he would rather do on his vacation this year and I sed, Pop, tell me please tell me a rime for orange.
I dont mind if I do, I used to be quite a rimester in my youth, sed pop, let me see, orange, borange, accorange, there dont seem to be many rimes to orange, let me see, forrange, worrange.
I mean a reel word, pop, I sed, and pop sed, I know you do, Im searching for one, orange, torrange, slorange.
O, bother the old orange, sed ma, why dont you go fishing agen this year, Willyum, like you did about 5 years ago?
I believe perhaps thatd wat Ill do, Instas a grate idear, orange, dorrange, accorange, I had the time of my life on that fishing trip, gorrange, horrange.
It certainly would be helthy for you, sed ma, and pop sed, There no

The Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel." Friday, June 25, 1920.
After the early morning hours, when Mars and Mercury are in threatening aspect, the planetary influences of the day are good, according to astrology. Venus and the Sun are in benefic aspect.
It is a most auspicious rule for women in public affairs and Venus seems to promise for them great power and success.
Legislators will be chosen from among the new voters, it is prophesied, and in 1922 many women prominent in labor circles will be honored.
This is a most favorable way for asking aid from men who hold positions in the Sun, the stars inclining them to be helpful and generous.
Women should improve this day's opportunities, whether their ambitions lie in politics or in business. It is a time more promising, however, to all professions than it is to letters or medicine.
Spain again is subject of a most threatening aspect that foreshadows danger to the king. Disturbances will continue.
Gifts presented during this government of the stars are supposed to be most fortunate for the giver, especially if it be a man who bestows something on a woman.
Wives come under a direction today held to be stable and the requests for money will be more readily acceded to by husbands while the Sun is in friendly sway.
Since Mars still exercises sinister power that inclines men to deeds of violence there should be constant recourse to the belief in the universal brotherhood, astrologers declare.
The Sun in trine to Saturn in the horoscope of the president of the United States is favorable and indicates a great improvement in health.
The Sun approaching the opposition of Jupiter seems to threaten a political upheaval in Holland. The Queen's health may be precarious later in the year.
Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a happy, successful year.
Children born on this day are likely to be keen and well-poised. These subjects of Cancer usually have success in all business ventures.
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Census Figures

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Macon, N. Y., 7,555, increase 1,098 or 15.2 per cent.
Montrose, Col., 2,581, increase 327 or 10.0 per cent.

LIMIT MUNICIPAL COURTS

Cannot Serve as Juvenile Courts State Commission Rules.
OKLAHOMA CITY, June 23.—Municipal courts cannot serve as juvenile courts, it was held by the attorney general's department in an opinion furnished today to W. D. Matthews, commissioner of charities and corrections. The opinion states the law provides that the county court shall serve as juvenile courts and the general statement that municipal courts shall have the same jurisdiction as county courts in misdemeanor cases does not give them power over juvenile offenders.
"There is no express provision giving municipal courts jurisdiction over dependent and delinquent children, and it is the opinion of this department that the provision was not intended to and does not give this authority," the opinion says. "The sole authority to investigate under the foregoing act is given to county courts."

By turning two screws on a California inventor's sheet, steel mold for building concrete walls after the concrete has been tamped, the outer sides are expanded and the core contracted for easy removal.

I believe thats jest wat Ill do, lorange, morange, borange.
If I throw something at you in a minnit, sed me, and I sed, I aint eny use pop, orange is one of the words there aint eny rime for.

And do you mean to say you knew that all the time? sed pop, and I sed, Yea sir, and pop sed, Well then why in Sam Hill and all the little Hills did you ask me for one?
I wanted to prove it, I sed, and pop sed, Well I want to prove that this slipper stings wen it comes in contact with human pants—
Which he did.

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